

Amendments to the claims:

This listing of claims replaces all prior versions and listings of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

1. (Currently Amended) A computer-implemented method of modifying one or more data records by a user within a graphical user interface, comprising the steps of:

providing a first control including a state indicator represented by a check-box, and a pull-down control button represented by an icon, wherein the first control that operates within a window of the graphical user interface;

manipulating the first control using the pull-down control button to display access a second control within the window that contains the first control, wherein the second control operates within the first control, and wherein the second control includes the one or more data records from a database; and

wherein the second control is configured to be displayed and to operate within the first control; wherein the second control is contained within the window that contains the first control; wherein the data records are from a database; and

modifying at least one of the one or more data records using through use of the second control, wherein when a data record is modified using the second control, the corresponding state indicator of the first control is also modified.
2. (Currently Amended) The method as defined in claim 1 further comprising: the step of storing the modified data record in a database, wherein the first control is a pull-down menu control that when activated occupies a pull-down menu region; wherein when the pull-down menu control is activated, the second control is displayed within the pull-down menu region; wherein the second control includes separate checkbox interface items that are associated with each of the displayed data records; wherein multiple checkbox interface items can be selected to indicate selection of the interface items' associated data records; wherein data records selected through their associated checkbox interface items are used as data by a software application.

3. (Currently Amended) The method of as-defined in claim 1, wherein a pop-up window provides a menu of operations, ~~wherein the operations are~~ configured to perform actions on a selected data record appearing within the second control.

4. (Currently Amended) The method of as-defined in claim [[2]] 1, wherein the second control is configured to display data records from ~~a data source consisting of~~ two or more data sources including selected from the group consisting of a database, a record source, and a dynamic record generator.

5. (Currently Amended) The method of as-defined in claim 1, further comprising: using the second control to add the step of adding a new data record to the database ~~through use of the second control~~.

6. (Currently Amended) The method of as-defined in claim 1, further comprising: using the second control to delete the step of deleting a data record from the database ~~through use of the second control~~.

7. (Currently Amended) The method of as-defined in claim 1, further comprising: using the second control to rename the step of renaming a data record ~~through use of the second control~~.

8. (Currently Amended) The method of as-defined in claim 1, further comprising: selecting a data record; and the step of indicating a selection status of [[a]] the selected data record.

9. (Currently Amended) The method of as-defined in claim 8, wherein the selection status is presented proximate to the selected data record.

10. (Currently Amended) The method of as-defined in claim 1, further comprising:  
the step of selecting multiple data records; and  
modifying as a group the selected multiple data records as a group.

11. (Currently Amended) The method of as-defined in claim 10, further comprising:  
the step of indicating the selection status of each selected data record.

12-19. (Cancelled).

20. (New) The method of claim 1, wherein the second control includes separate checkbox interface items corresponding to each of the one or more data records, wherein multiple checkbox interface items can be concurrently selected, and wherein data records selected through their associated checkbox interface items are used as data by a software application.

21. (New) A computer-implemented system for modifying one or more data records within a graphical user interface, comprising:  
one or more processors;  
one or more computer-readable storage mediums containing software instructions executable on the one or more processors to cause the one or more processors to perform operations including:  
providing a first control including a state indicator represented by a check-box, and a pull-down control button represented by an icon, wherein the first control operates within a window of the graphical user interface;  
manipulating the first control using the pull-down control button to display a second control within the window that contains the first control, wherein the second control operates within the first control, and wherein the second control includes the one or more data records from a database; and

modifying at least one of the one or more data records using the second control, wherein when a data record is modified using the second control, the corresponding state indicator of the first control is also modified.

22. (New) One or more computer-readable storage mediums encoded with instructions that when executed, cause one or more computers to perform a method of modifying one or more data records within a graphical user interface, the method comprising:

providing a first control including a state indicator represented by a check-box, and a pull-down control button represented by an icon, wherein the first control operates within a window of the graphical user interface;

manipulating the first control using the pull-down control button to display a second control within the window that contains the first control, wherein the second control operates within the first control, and wherein the second control includes the one or more data records from a database; and

modifying at least one of the one or more data records using the second control, wherein when a data record is modified using the second control, the corresponding state indicator of the first control is also modified.